



# Guide to Grants

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Proudly Representing Alabama's 7th Congressional District



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Welcome to the *Guide to Grants!*

I am honored to represent the 7<sup>th</sup> Congressional District of Alabama. One of the most important responsibilities as your representative is to provide you with information about funding opportunities. Now more than ever, grant opportunities are vital to the success of our local governments, organizations and other entities. This weekly guide will identify federal and foundation grant opportunities to assist you in goals for our communities. This Guide will include links to grant writing resources to help you make your proposals more successful. This Guide will also describe new funding opportunities for economic development, infrastructure, healthcare and educational projects as example. In addition, I am pleased to provide a Letter of Support for grant application projects in the 7th Congressional District of Alabama. Please let us know when grants are awarded, especially if you found the opportunities in the *Guide to Grants*.

For more information, please visit the website at <http://sewell.house.gov/> and you can subscribe to *Guide to Grants* at: <http://sewell.house.gov/contact-me/newsletter> or call 202-225-2665. Previous editions of the Guide to Grants are archived at <http://sewell.house.gov/guide-grants>.

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# Announcements

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## **Statement from Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell in Response to April 27 Tornadoes in Alabama**

**Washington, D.C.** - Today, U.S. Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell (D-AL) released the following statement about the tornadoes and heavy storms that devastated the state of Alabama:

“My thoughts and prayers are with the families that lost loved ones today. My thoughts are also with the many families and communities that suffered devastation to their homes and properties as a result of today’s tornadoes. The Seventh Congressional District has experienced back-to-back storm and tornado devastation within the last two weeks. In these difficult times, I know that the resilient spirit of our communities will see us through.

I have been in touch with local, state and federal officials, and my staff and I will be on the ground in our communities to assist in assessing the extent of the damage and help begin the recovery and rebuilding process.

I applaud the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and President Obama for immediately issuing an emergency disaster declaration for the state. I am also working closely with Governor Bentley and state and local elected officials to request a major disaster declaration for Alabama. There is a huge clean up and recovery ahead of us, and we are going to need federal assistance to help residents deal with the aftermath of these tornadoes and heavy storms.

My office will continue to work with federal, state and local officials to ensure that we are doing all we can to assist the victims in the days ahead as we begin to rebuild.”

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## Recent Grant Awards

- [\\$1,347,321 in Funding to Hire New Firefighters in Tuscaloosa](#)
- [\\$47,500 in Funding for Camden Municipal Airport](#)
- [\\$164,540 in Funding for Craig Field Airport](#)
- [\\$256,500 in Funding for Butler-Choctaw County Airport](#)
- [\\$274,283 in Funding for Demopolis Municipal Airport](#)
- [\\$47,500 in Funding for Jackson Municipal Airport](#)
- [\\$69,234 in Funding for Vaiden Field Airport](#)
- [\\$46,800 in Funding to Recruit Volunteer Firefighters in Dallas County](#)

**AGRICULTURE SECRETARY VILSACK ANNOUNCES RURAL ELECTRIC FUNDING TO BENEFIT THOUSANDS OF RURAL RESIDENTS** -April 6, 2011 -- \$75,327,000 in USDA Funding is announced for Georgia, Alabama & Florida. The Rural Electric funds will be used for transmission system projects to build 21 miles of new transmission line and three new substations.

**Website:**<http://www.usda.gov/wps/portal/usda/usdahome?contentidonly=true&contentid=2011/04/0153.xml>

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## Section I ACCESSING & REGISTERING FOR GRANT INFORMATION

- To learn about Federal grant opportunities, register your organization and receive notices, please visit [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov). It is the resource for all Federal grants.
- To learn about foundation grant opportunities, please visit <http://foundationcenter.org/>. The Foundation Center is a gateway to information about private funding sources and provides guidelines about how to write a grant proposal. It also provides links to state libraries with grants reference collections, and links to other useful Internet websites.

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## Section II PROGRAM FUNDING THROUGH FEDERAL AGENCIES

### Administration for Children and Families

**Program:** **NEW - Partnership with Child Support Services to Develop Workforce Strategies and Economic Sustainability**

**Deadline:** June 27, 2011

**Description:** This funding opportunity is offered to enable State child support agencies to develop workforce-related partnerships that would provide for job search, transitional and subsidized jobs, support services, job placement and job advancement assistance for noncustodial parents.

**How to Apply:**

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=jD2XN51L4hCsjNP2BmdvMGyOsmxyTtkZdl4Ss6GJ8wHB75Tn7pJy!921374568?oppId=90313&mode=VIEW>

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**Program:** **NEW - Special Improvement Project (SIP) -- Projects to Address the Economic Downturn on IV-D Operations**

**Deadline:** June 29, 2011

**Description:** The Administration for Children and Families (ACF), Office of Child Support Enforcement (OCSE), invites eligible applicants to submit competitive grant applications for Special Improvement Projects (SIP) to develop creative strategies and processes to operate programs more effectively and efficiently in order to

address their immediate needs during the economic downturn and advance longer-term structural changes.

**How to Apply:**

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=jD2XN51L4hCsjNP2BmdyMGyQsmxyTTkZdl4Ss6GJ8wHB75Tn7pJy!921374568?oppId=90316&mode=VIEW>

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**Program:** NEW- Infant Adoption Awareness Training Grants

**Deadline:** June 27, 2011

**Description:** These grants will be available to national, regional, or local adoption organizations for the purpose of training the staff of eligible health centers in providing adoption information and referrals to pregnant women on an equal basis with all other courses of action included in nondirective counseling to pregnant women.

**How to Apply:**

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=jD2XN51L4hCsjNP2BmdyMGyQsmxyTTkZdl4Ss6GJ8wHB75Tn7pJy!921374568?oppId=90193&mode=VIEW>

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**Bureau of Justice Assistance**

**Program:** NEW- BJA FY 11 Joint Adult Drug Court Solicitation to Enhance Services, Coordination, and Treatment

**Deadline:** June 9, 2011

**Description:** BJA and SAMHSA are accepting applications for FY 2011 grants to enhance the court services, coordination, and evidence-based substance abuse treatment and recovery support services of adult drug courts. The purpose of this joint initiative is to allow applicants to submit a comprehensive strategy for enhancing drug court services and capacity, permitting applicants to compete for

both criminal justice and substance abuse treatment funds with one application.

**How to Apply:**

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=jD2XN51L4hCsjNP2BmdyMGyQsmxyTtkZdl4Ss6GJ8wHB75Tn7pJy!921374568?oppId=89973&mode=VIEW>

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**Program:** NEW-BJA FY 11 National Initiatives: Enhancing Law Enforcement

**Deadline:** June 13, 2011

**Description:** This FY 2011 grant announcement focuses on national initiatives to improve the functioning of the criminal justice system by addressing training and technical assistance needs for state and local law enforcement. These initiatives are funded under the Edward Byrne Memorial Competitive Grant Program (Byrne Competitive Program) and the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program.

**How to Apply:**

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=2kbMN52Q06phRIQFZtwQpkpyJLTMSJKlls4nJKKPdhnQVtZBVTyw!921374568?oppId=90393&mode=VIEW>

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**DOT/National Highway Traffic Safety Administration**

**Program:** NEW-Grant Program to Support State Judicial Outreach Liaisons (State JOLs)

**Deadline:** May 27, 2011

**Description:** NHTSA plans to provide funding to SHSOs and/or SJE's to maintain and/or expand current impaired driving and other traffic safety initiatives in their communities. The grants are designed to benefit State/local community judicial education programs. Through a competitive process, NHTSA will provide assistance for

up to ten (10) JOL positions in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00 per position. The NHTSA funds will be used by the State to support a State JOL for a period of thirty (30) months.

**How to Apply:**

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=jD2XN51L4hCsjNP2BmdyMGyQsmxyTTkZdl4Ss6GJ8wHB75Tn7pJy!921374568?oppId=90473&mode=VIEW>

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**National Endowment for the Humanities**

**Program:** **NEW- NEH On the Road Cooperative Agreement**

**Deadline:** July 6, 2011

**Description:** Through its regular grant-making activities the Division of Public Programs funds exhibitions at museums and historic sites throughout the country. NEH on the Road is a special initiative designed to create wider access to the stories, ideas, and themes explored in these exhibitions.

**How to Apply:**

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=jD2XN51L4hCsjNP2BmdyMGyQsmxyTTkZdl4Ss6GJ8wHB75Tn7pJy!921374568?oppId=90133&mode=VIEW>

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**Program:** **Humanities Initiatives for Faculty: HBCUs**

**Deadline:** June 30, 2011

**Funding:** \$100,000

**Description:** NEH Humanities Initiatives are intended to strengthen and enrich humanities education and scholarship at Historically Black Colleges and Universities.

**How to Apply:** [http://www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/HI\\_HBCU.html](http://www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/HI_HBCU.html)

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**Program:** Humanities Initiatives for Faculty: IHHEs

**Deadline:** June 30, 2011

**Funding:** \$100,000

**Description:** NEH Humanities Initiatives are intended to strengthen and enrich humanities education and scholarship at institutions with high Hispanic enrollment

**How to Apply:** [http://www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/HI\\_IHHE.html](http://www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/HI_IHHE.html)

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**Program:** Humanities Initiatives for Faculty: TCUs

**Deadline:** June 30, 2011

**Funding:** \$100,000

**Description:** NEH Humanities Initiatives are intended to strengthen and enrich humanities education and scholarship at Tribal Colleges and Universities.

**How to Apply:** [http://www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/HI\\_TCU.html](http://www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/HI_TCU.html)

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### **National Institutes of Health**

**Program:** SBIR E-learning for HAZMAT and Emergency Response (SBIR [R43/R44])

**Deadline:** July 28, 2011

**Funding:** \$300,000

**Description:** This funding opportunity announcement (FOA) encourages Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) grant applications from small business concerns (SBCs) that propose to further the development of Advanced Technology Training (ATT) Products for the health and safety training of hazardous materials (HAZMAT) workers, emergency responders, and skilled support personnel.

**How to Apply:**

<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppId=86393>

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**U.S. Department of Agriculture**

**Program:** Delta Health Care Services Grant Program

**Deadline:** June 3, 2011

**Funding:** The amount available to fund grant awards in this program is \$3,000,000. The minimum grant amount is \$50,000

**Description:** Section 379G of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act to provide financial assistance to address the continued unmet health needs in the Delta region through cooperation among health care professionals, institutions of higher education, research institutions, and other individuals and entities in the Delta Region

**How to Apply:** [http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/UTP\\_DeltaHealthcare.html](http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/UTP_DeltaHealthcare.html)

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**Program:** FY 2011 SNAP Participation Grants

**Deadline:** June 6, 2011

**Description:** The Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 authorized the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) to award \$5 million dollars in grants to State agencies; public health or educational entities; or private nonprofit entities such as community-based or faith-based organizations, food banks, or other emergency feeding organizations, for projects aimed at simplifying the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) application and eligibility determination systems or improving access to SNAP benefits by eligible households.

**How to Apply:**

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=54G9NmrF9vv2k35hqZJ5NGyKsjG1ndtv0lZx3HTtd1RpNI21bWYn!1759880169?oppId=86113&mode=VIEW>

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## **U.S. Department of Commerce: Economic Development Administration**

- Program:** **NEW- The Jobs and Innovation Accelerator Challenge**
- Description:** The Jobs and Innovation Accelerator Challenge is an innovative initiative of 16 Federal agencies and bureaus to accelerate innovation-fueled job creation and economic prosperity through public private partnerships. It will leverage existing financial and technical resources from the 16 Federal agencies and bureau to support the development of approximately 20 competitively selected industry clusters in urban and rural regions across the national and across all sectors. The Jobs and Innovation Accelerator Challenge offers a combination of \$33 million in funding from three agencies and bureaus (Dept. of Labor, Commerce, and SBA) and technical assistance resources from 13 additional agencies and bureaus to support customized solutions for the competitively selected industry clusters.
- How to Apply:** <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2011/pdf/2011-10231.pdf>.

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- Program:** **Economic Development Assistance Programs**
- Deadlines:** June 10 for funding cycle 3; September 15 for funding cycle 1 of FY 2012
- Description:** Beginning in FY 2011, EDA will accept and review applications submitted under its Public Works, Economic Adjustment Assistance, and GCCMIF Programs in funding cycles. EDA's overall mission is to help distressed communities establish foundation for durable regional economies throughout the United States. Grants made under these programs will focus on innovation and regional collaboration to create and retain higher wage and sustainable jobs, leverage the flow of private capital, encourage economic development, and strengthen America's ability to compete in the global marketplace.
- How to Apply:**

## **U.S. Department of Education**

**Program:** Taking Ownership and Operation of the TEACH Campaign

**Deadline:** May 19, 2011

**Description:** The U.S DOE plans to transfer ownership and operation of the TEACH Campaign, including the recruiting effort and the web portal, to an entity or to a group of entities

**How to Apply:** <http://www.grantsalert.com/grants/Federal/61>

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**Program:** Office of Elementary and Secondary Education (OESE):  
Enhanced Assessment Instruments Grants Program CFDA  
Number 84.368A

**Deadline:** June 3, 2011

**Description:** The purpose of the EAG program is to enhance the quality of assessment instruments and systems used by States for measuring the academic achievement of elementary and secondary school students.

**How to Apply:**

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=wZhvNvdWLSHXCPk8Q4rgX1FrV6R6bHyhL6zpsHYcNq7ppxnZX9mn!505166326?oppId=88353&mode=VIEW>

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## **U.S. Department of Energy**

**Program:** Clean Cities Community Readiness and Planning for Plug-In Electric Vehicles and Charging Infrastructure

**Deadline:** June 13, 2011

**Funding:** \$500,000

**Description:** The President has a goal of putting 1 million advanced technology vehicles on the road in the United States by 2015. In support of this goal and emphasizing electricity as a transportation fuel, this Funding Opportunity Announcement seeks projects to plan and implement policies, procedures, and incentives that facilitate that development

**How to Apply:**

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=wZhvNvdWLSHXCPk8Q4rgX1FrV6R6bHvhL6zpsHYcNq7ppxnZX9mn!505166326?oppId=88513&mode=VIEW>

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**Program:** **Plants Engineered To Replace Oil (PETRO)**

**Deadline:** May 19, 2011

**Funding:** \$15,000,000

**Description:** Goals: (1) enhance the economic and energy security of the United States through the development of energy technologies that result in reductions of imports of energy from foreign sources, reductions of energy-related emissions, and improvements in the energy efficiency of all economic sectors; and (2) ensure that the United States maintains a technological lead in developing and deploying advanced energy technologies.

**How to Apply:**

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=dQvGNvyTgRqGS7y1mkpvT11h52tZ9VYVp5znbXYzQnG78y1sLRSL!-1356566513?oppId=88933&mode=VIEW>

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**Program:** **State Energy Program (ARRA) – Energy Efficient Retrofits of K-12 Schools Request for Proposals (3<sup>rd</sup> Round) – For Public K-12 School Systems**

**Deadline:** 5/13/2011 5:00 PM CST

**Description:** The Energy Division is soliciting proposals from public school systems in Alabama for the purchase and installation of energy-efficient improvements in K-12 schools located within their jurisdiction. Energy efficiency improvements eligible for funding include the following:

- Insulation
- HVAC replacement
- Lighting upgrades
- Lighting controls
- Energy Management systems

Applicants must provide documentation that a minimum of sixty percent (60%) of students in the system are eligible to receive free or reduced price lunch. The optimal payback period on retrofits should be 10 years or less.

**How to Apply:** <http://www.adeca.alabama.gov/C7/SEP-ARRA>

Energy Division  
Alabama Department of Economic & Community Affairs  
[www.adeca.alabama.gov/energy](http://www.adeca.alabama.gov/energy)

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## **U.S. Department of Health and Human Services**

**Program:** **NEW - NLM Express Research Grants in Biomedical**

**Deadline:** May 7, 2014

**Description:** Grants that advance the science of biomedical informatics

**How to Apply:**

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=48G3N5YRpp1GX5nzJ2vn5DD30TYzBHVbn6JLxKGqkSkNNb8pbt1h!773961164?oppId=90433&mode=VIEW>

**Program:** Public Health Emergency Preparedness Cooperative Agreement

**Deadline:** June 17, 2011

**Description:** The purpose of the 2011-2016 Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) cooperative agreement program is to assist state, local, and territorial/freely associated state health departments in demonstrating measurable and sustainable progress toward achieving the 15 public health preparedness capabilities and other activities that promote safer and more resilient communities.

**How to Apply:**

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=wZhvNvdWLSHXCPk8Q4rgX1FrV6R6bHvhL6zpsHYcNq7ppxnZX9mn!505166326?oppId=88673&mode=VIEW>

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## **U.S. Department of Homeland Security - FEMA**

The website where first responders apply for all Assistance to Fire Fighters Grants Programs changed its current web site address from [www.firegrantsupport.com](http://www.firegrantsupport.com) to the FEMA web site at: <http://www.fema.gov/firegrants/>.

All applications for FEMA's fire grant programs including the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program (AFG), the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response Grants (SAFER), Fire Prevention and Safety Grants (FP&S) and information on the Assistance to Firefighters Station Construction Grants (SCG) will now be located at [www.fema.gov/firegrants](http://www.fema.gov/firegrants).

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## **Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration**

**Program:** National Child Traumatic Stress Initiative Combined RFA: Treatment and Service Adaptation Centers - Category II and the Community Treatment and Services Centers - Category III

**Deadline:** June 3, 2011

**Description:** Funds to continue and expand grant activities funded under the National Child Traumatic Stress Initiative, Treatment and Service

Adaptation Centers - Category II, and Community Treatment and Services Centers - Category III. The purpose of this one-year grant award to the Treatment and Services Adaptation Centers (TSA) - Category II and the Community Treatment and Services Centers (CTS) Category III is to continue and enhance current trauma treatment and services, and to expand their activities to the child welfare system and juvenile justice/dependency court systems and/or the publicly funded child mental health system providing services to these systems.

**How to Apply:**

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=jD2XN51L4hCsjNP2BmdyMGyQsmxyTTkZdl4Ss6GJ8wHB75Tn7pJy!921374568?oppId=90233&mode=VIEW>

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### **Section III PROGRAM FUNDING THROUGH PRIVATE, CORPORATE & COMMUNITY FOUNDATIONS**

**Program:** **NEW - American Legion Child Welfare Foundation Offers Support for Programs to Help Children**

**Deadline:** July 15, 2011

**Description:** Seeks to provide other nonprofit organizations with the means to educate the public about the special needs of children across the United States.

**How to Apply:**

[http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp\\_item.jhtml?id=337700019](http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=337700019)

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**Program:** **NEW- Captain Planet Foundation Grants Program**

**Deadline:** May 31, 2011

**Description:** To promote and support high-quality educational programs that enable children and youth to understand and appreciate Our World Through Learning Experiences That Engage Them In Active, Hands-on Projects To Improve The Environment In Their Schools And Communities.

How to Apply: <http://www.grantsalert.com/grants/Foundations/80>

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**Program:** **NEW - Children's Health & Wellness Grants**

**Deadline:** October 28, 2011

**Description:** The mission of The Build-A-Bear Workshop Bear Hugs Foundation is to make life more bearable for children, families and pets in need of the kindness of others

**How to Apply:** <http://www.grantsalert.com/grants/Foundations/75>

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**Program:** **NEW - Creative Capital | Warhol Foundation Arts Writers Grant**

**Deadline:** June 8, 2011

**Description:** The Creative Capital | Warhol Foundation Arts Writers Grant Program supports writers whose work addresses contemporary visual art.

**How to Apply:** <http://www.grantsalert.com/grants/Foundations/77>

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**Program:** **Drucker Institute Announces Call for Applications for Nonprofit Innovation Award**

**Deadline:** **July 1, 2011**

**Description:** Administered annually since 1991, the Drucker Award is granted to a social sector organization that demonstrates Peter Drucker's definition of innovation — "change that creates a new dimension of performance." The judges also look for programs that are highly effective and have made a difference in the lives of the people they

serve. Funded by a grant from the [Coca-Cola Foundation](#), the first-place prize is \$100,000. The second-place award is \$7,500, and the third-place prize is \$5,000.

**How to Apply:**

[http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp\\_item.jhtml?id=337000020](http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=337000020)

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**Program:** **NEW - Gulf of Mexico Research Initiative Offers Funding for Consortia to Study Effects of Oil Spill**

**Deadline:** Letters of Intent – May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2011

**Description:** The [Gulf of Mexico Research Initiative Research Board](#) has released a Request for Proposals to establish four to eight research consortia that will study the effects of the Deepwater Horizon oil spill in April 2010. Funded with a ten-year, \$500 million commitment from [BP](#), the Gulf of Mexico Research Initiative is a broad, independent initiative targeting research institutions primarily in the U.S. Gulf Coast states.

**How to Apply:**

[http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp\\_item.jhtml?id=337800020](http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=337800020)

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**Program:** **NEW - The Mathematics Education Trust's Various Funding Opportunities**

**Deadline:** November 11, 2011

**Description:** The Mathematics Education Trust (MET) Channels the generosity of contributors through the creation and funding of grants, awards, honors, and other projects that support the improvement of mathematics teaching and learning.

**How to Apply:** <http://www.grantsalert.com/grants/Foundations/72>

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**Program:** **NEW - PepsiCo Grants**  
**Deadline:** December 31, 2011  
**Description:** Is committed to advancing objectives related to education, health and wellness, diversity and inclusion, and thought leadership.  
**How to Apply:** <http://www.grantsalert.com/grants/Foundations/67>

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**Program:** **NEW - Sappi Fine Paper North America Seeks Entries for Ideas That Matter Design Grant Program**  
**Deadline:** July 15, 2011  
**Description:** Grant program that recognizes and supports designers who donate their time and talent to create communications materials for a wide range of charitable activities  
**How to Apply:**  
[http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp\\_item.jhtml;jsessionid=HLJS00OVSGREJLAQBO4CGXD5AAAACI2F?id=337000021](http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml;jsessionid=HLJS00OVSGREJLAQBO4CGXD5AAAACI2F?id=337000021)

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**Program:** **NEW - The Shell Science Teaching Award**  
**Deadline:** Oct 17, 2011  
**Description:** A partnership between Shell Oil Company and The National Science Teachers Association (NSTA), this award recognizes one outstanding classroom teacher (grades K–12) who has had a positive impact on his or her students, school, and the community through exemplary science teaching.  
**How to Apply:** <http://www.grantsalert.com/grants/Foundations/79>

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## **Environmental Education in Alabama Grants**

### **Environmental Education Website for below grant opportunities:**

<http://eeinalabama.org/core/item/topic.aspx?s=0.0.0.37934&tid=85010>

#### **NEW - Kodak American Greenways Award Grant**

Do you know an organization that is working to create or improve a greenway, trail or waterway? Apply for a Kodak American Greenways Award grant, and your organization could receive up to \$2,500 in grant funds and recognition that comes with selection by this prestigious national program.

#### **NEW - Herb Garden Grants**

The Herb Society of America is accepting applications for its Donald Samull Classroom Herb Garden Grant. Public and private school teachers of grades 3-6 with a minimum class size of 15 are eligible to apply. Apply by September 1, 2011

#### **NEW - Jenny's Heroes Grants**

The Jenny Jones Foundation is looking for "heroes." To apply, U.S. citizens age 18 or older who want to help their community send the Foundation their ideas and a request for financial assistance (up to \$25,000). Only applications from every-day citizens with a personal desire to improve their communities will be considered.

#### **NEW - Verizon Foundation Literacy and Education Grants**

The Verizon Foundation awards grants to K-12 schools to increase literacy and educational achievement levels. Proposals are considered from public and private elementary and secondary schools registered with the National Center for Education Statistics. Unsolicited proposals are reviewed on a continuous calendar year basis, from January 1 - October 31

#### **FishAmerica Foundation Grants**

These grants fund projects to restore marine, estuarine and riparian habitats important to marine and anadromous fish species. Awards will range between \$10,000 and \$75,000 per project. Projects must involve community participation through an educational or volunteer component tied to the restoration activities. The application deadline is May 16, 2011

#### **\$500 Seed Fund Starter Grants**

The Seed Fund's mission is to give kids fun and engaging ways to connect with Mother Nature, and teach them to lead healthier lifestyles. Five K-12 schools will be selected to receive a \$500 Starter Seed Fund Grant to help them on their way to a school garden. Apply by May 31, 2011.

### **\$500 Do Something Seed Grant**

Young people age 25 and under who are working to start a community action project or program are eligible to apply for a \$500 Do Something Seed Grant. One winner is chosen every week. No deadline.

### **Annie's Grants for Gardens**

Annie's offers a limited number of small grants to community gardens, school gardens and other educational programs that connect children directly to gardening. Funds can be used to buy gardening tools, seeds or other supplies. Applications accepted throughout the year.

### **\$750 Meteorology Grants from National Weather Association**

The National Weather Association awards \$750 grants to K-12 teachers to improve the study of meteorology. Selected teachers can use the funds to take accredited courses, attend workshops and conferences, or purchase materials for the classroom. Apply by June 1, 2011.

### **Best Buy @15 Community Grants**

The Best Buy Children's Foundation strengthens communities through national, regional and local grant making. Its goal is to provide positive experiences that will help youth excel in school, engage in their communities and develop leadership skills. Schools are not eligible. Applications accepted June 1-July 1, 2011.

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## **Section IV SCHOLARSHIPS**

### **NEW - Alabama Scholarships**

<http://www.scholarships.com/financial-aid/college-scholarships/scholarships-by-state/alabama-scholarships/>

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### **Alabama G.I. Dependents [Scholarship Program](#)**

#### **Alabama Department of Veterans Affairs**

Type of award: Scholarship, renewable

**Intended Use:** For undergraduate study at postsecondary institution. Designated institutions: Alabama public institutions.

**Eligibility Requirements:** For dependents of disabled veterans, prisoner of war or MIA veterans. Must be a resident of Alabama and enrolled or expected to enroll at a 2 or 4 year college or university or a technical institution in Alabama. Veteran must have served at least 90 days continuous active federal duty. Disabled veteran must be rated at least 20 percent disabled due to service-connected disabilities. Veteran must have been a resident of Alabama at least one year prior to enlistment.

**Application requirement:** Proof of eligibility

**Amount of award:** Full tuition

**Number of applicants:** 2,417

**Contact:**

Alabama Department of Veterans Affairs

P.O. Box 1509

Montgomery, AL 36102-1509

Phone: 334-242-5077

Fax: 334-242-5102

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## Alabama Student Assistance Program

**Scholarship Intended use:** For full-time [undergraduate study](#).

Designated institutions. Eligible Alabama 2-year or 4-year institutions.

**Eligibility Requirements:** Applicant must be residing in Alabama.

**Basis for selection:** Applicant must demonstrate financial need.

Applicant requirement: Proof of eligibility. FAFSA.

**Amount of award:** \$300-\$5,000

**Contact:**

Applications available at high school or college financial aid office.

Phone: 334-242-2273

Fax: 334-242-2269

**Website:** <http://www.moneymatters101.com/states/alabama.asp>

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## Harvard University Announcement

No tuition and no student loans

Harvard University announced over the weekend that from now on undergraduate students from low-income families will pay no tuition. In making the announcement, Harvard's president Lawrence H. Summers said, "When only ten percent of the students in elite higher education come from families in the lower half of the income distribution, we are not doing enough. We are not doing enough in bringing elite higher education to the lower half of the income distribution."

If you know of a family earning less than \$60,000 a year with an honor student graduating from high school soon, Harvard University wants to pay the tuition. The prestigious university recently announced that from now on undergraduate students from low-income families can go to Harvard for free... no tuition and no student loans!

To find out more about Harvard offering free tuition for families making less than \$60,000 a

year, visit Harvard's financial aid website at: <http://www.fao.fas.harvard.edu/> or call the school's financial aid office at (617) 495-1581.

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**CBC Spouses Education Scholarship** Application Deadline: June 1, 2011

This scholarship fund was established in response to federal cuts in spending for education programs and scholarships. This is the foundation's first educational program. The CBC Spouses Educational Scholarship is a national program that awards scholarships to academically talented and highly motivated students who intend to pursue full-time undergraduate, graduate or doctoral degrees.

How to Apply: <http://www.cbefinc.org/scholarships>

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**CBC Spouses Cheerios Brand Health Initiative Scholarship**

Application Deadline: June 1, 2011

This scholarship program focusing on health was established in 1998 as the CBC Spouses partnered with the naming sponsor, General Mills, to increase the number of minority students pursuing degrees in the fields of medicine, engineering, technology, nutrition and other health-related professions.

How to Apply: <http://www.cbefinc.org/scholarships>

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**200 Free Scholarships For Minorities**

Website: <http://www.blackexcel.org/200-Scholarships.html>

**Fast Web**

Website: <http://www.fastweb.com/>

**Scholarship Experts**

Website: <http://www.scholarshipexperts.com/apply.htx>

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**Section V RESOURCES**

**The Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA) would like to invite you to an Existing Industry Business Presentation about the State's new energy**

**revolving loan program for existing industries: AlabamaSAVES™ Program.** There is no cost to attend.

When: Wednesday, May 4, 2011 at 4:00PM

Where: Alagasco Center for Energy Technology in Birmingham

20 South 20<sup>th</sup> Street, Birmingham, AL 35295

Through the AlabamaSAVES program, commercial businesses in the State of Alabama have access to project finance rates at 2%. Funds administered through the program can be used by business owners to upgrade their existing facilities, thereby reducing energy costs and carbon emissions.

Now you can upgrade your facilities with no upfront capital cost and finance projects at a very low rate. *HVAC/Mechanical Systems... Energy Management Systems & Controls... Lighting Retrofits... New Fans, Motors, and Pumps... Solar PV and Solar Thermal Systems... Anything that saves you energy...*

RSVP to [info@alabamasaves.com](mailto:info@alabamasaves.com)

Questions? 704-271-9886

[www.alabamasaves.com](http://www.alabamasaves.com)

Directions:

<http://www.alagasco.com/commercial-Industrial/Center-for-Energy-Technology-724.html>

## REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSIONS IN ALABAMA

Northwest Alabama Council of Local Governments

P.O. Box 2603

Muscle Shoals, Alabama 35662

Phone: 256.389.0500

Fax: 256.389.0599

Executive Director: Keith Jones

Visit the Web site of Region 1 - <http://nacolg.com/>

West Alabama Regional Commission

4200 Highway 69 North

Northport, Alabama 35473-3505

Phone: 205.333.2990

Fax: 205.333.2713

Executive Director: Robert B. Lake

Visit the Web site of Region 2 - <http://www.warc.info/index.php>

Regional Planning Commission of Greater Birmingham

1731 First Avenue North, Suite 200

Birmingham, Alabama 35203  
Phone: 205.251.8139  
Fax: 205.328.3304  
Executive Director: Charles Ball  
Visit the Web site of Region 3 - <http://www.rpcgb.org/>

East Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission  
P.O. Box 2186  
Anniston, Alabama 36202  
Phone: 256.237.6741  
Fax: 256.237.6763  
Executive Director: Bill Curtis  
Visit the Web site of Region 4 - <http://www.earpdc.org/>

South Central Alabama Development Commission  
5900 Carmichael Place  
Montgomery, Alabama 36117  
Phone: 334.244.6903  
Fax: 334.270.0038  
Executive Director: Tyson Howard  
Visit the Web site of Region 5 - <http://scadc.state.al.us/>

Alabama-Tombigbee Regional Commission  
107 Broad Street  
Camden, Alabama 36726  
Phone: 334.682.4234  
Fax: 334.682.4205  
Executive Director: John Clyde Riggs  
Visit the Web site of Region 6 - <http://www.alarc.org/atrc/index.htm>

Southeast Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission  
P.O. Box 1406  
Dothan, Alabama 36302  
Phone: 334.794.4093  
Fax: 334.794.3288  
Executive Director: Thomas B. Solomon  
Visit the Web site of Region 7 - <http://www.sanman.net/searpdc/searpdc.htm>

South Alabama Regional Planning Commission  
P.O. Box 1665  
Mobile, Alabama 36633  
Phone: 251.433.6541  
Fax: 251.433.6009  
Executive Director: Russ Wimberly  
Visit the Web site of Region 8 - <http://www.sarpc.org/>

Central Alabama Regional Planning Development Commission  
125 Washington Avenue  
Montgomery, Alabama 36104  
Phone: 334.262.4300  
Fax: 334.262.6976  
Visit the Web site of Region 9 - <http://www.carpdc.com/>

Lee-Russell Council of Governments  
2207 Gateway Drive  
Opelika, Alabama 36801  
Phone: 334.749.5264  
Fax: 334.749.6582  
Executive Director: Suzanne G. Burnette  
Visit the Web site of Region 10 - <http://www.lrcog.com/>

North-Central Alabama Regional Council of Governments  
P.O. Box C  
Decatur, Alabama 35601  
Phone: 256.355.4515  
Fax: 256.351.1380  
Executive Director: C. Ronald Matthews  
Visit the Web site of Region 11 - <http://www.narcog.org/>

Top of Alabama Regional Council of Governments  
5075 Research Drive, NW  
Huntsville, Alabama 35805-5912  
Phone: 256.830.0818  
Fax: 256.830.0843  
Executive Director: Robert B. Culver  
Visit the Web site of Region 12 - <http://www.tarcog.org/>

## **COMMUNITY FOUNDATIONS IN ALABAMA**

Please visit <http://www.nonprofitexpert.com/community%20foundations/al.htm>

Autauga Area Community Foundation  
c/o Central Alabama Community Foundation, Inc.  
434 N. McDonough Street  
Montgomery, AL 36104

Phone: 334-264-6223  
Contact: Carol W. Butler, President  
Website: [www.aacinfo.org](http://www.aacinfo.org)

The Community Foundation of Baldwin County  
c/o The Community Foundation of South Alabama  
P.O. Box 990  
Mobile, AL 36601  
Phone: 251-438-5591  
Contact: Linnette Clausman  
Website: [www.communityendowment.com](http://www.communityendowment.com)

Black Belt Community Foundation  
609 Lauderdale Street  
Selma, AL 36701-4555  
Phone: 334-874-1126 Fax: 334-874-1131  
Contact: Felecia L. Jones, Executive Director  
Website: <http://blackbeltfound.org/>

The Greater Brewton Foundation  
P.O. Box 87  
Brewton, AL 36427  
Phone: (251) 867-4881  
Contact: John David Finlay, Jr., Pres.

Community Foundation of Northeast Alabama  
P. O. Box 36202  
Anniston, Alabama 36202  
Telephone: 256-231-5160 Fax: 256-231-5161  
Contact: Eula M. Tatman, Interim President and CEO  
Email: [etatman@yourcommunityfirst.org](mailto:etatman@yourcommunityfirst.org)  
For general information: [info@yourcommunityfirst.org](mailto:info@yourcommunityfirst.org)  
Website: <http://www.yourcommunityfirst.org/>

Central Alabama Community Foundation, Inc.  
434 N. McDonough Street  
Montgomery, AL 36104  
Telephone: 334-264-6223 Fax: 334-263-6225  
Contact: Carol W. Butler, President  
Website: <http://www.cacinfo.org>

Elmore County Community Foundation  
c/o Central Alabama Community Foundation, Inc.  
434 N. McDonough Street  
Montgomery, AL 36104  
Phone: 334-264-6223

Contact: Carol W. Butler, President  
Website: [www.eccfinfo.org](http://www.eccfinfo.org)

The Community Foundation of Greater Birmingham  
2100 First Ave. N., Ste. 700  
Birmingham, AL 35203  
Telephone: (205) 328-8641 Fax: (205) 328-6576  
Contact: Kate Nielsen, President  
Email: [knielsen@foundationbirmingham.org](mailto:knielsen@foundationbirmingham.org)  
For general information: [info@foundationbirmingham.org](mailto:info@foundationbirmingham.org)  
Website: <http://www.foundationbirmingham.org>

The Community Foundation of Greater Decatur  
P.O. Box 2003  
Decatur, AL 35602  
Phone: 256-353-5312  
Contact: Arthur W. Orr  
Website: [www.cfogd.org](http://www.cfogd.org)

The Community Foundation of Huntsville  
659 Gallatin Street  
Huntsville, AL 35801  
Phone: 256-564-7430  
Contact: Lynne Berry, President  
Website: <http://www.communityfoundationhsv.org/>

Limestone Area Community Foundation, Inc.  
P.O. Box 578  
Athens, AL 35612  
Phone: 256-232-4200  
Contact: Martha Jo Leonard, Executive Director

Riverbend Community Foundation  
635 West College Street  
Florence, AL 35630  
Phone: 256-764-3431  
Contact: Bryan Libell, Secretary/Treasurer

Shelby County Community Health Foundation  
Shelby Baptist Medical Center  
1000 First Street N.  
Alabaster, AL 35007  
Chairman: Chad Scroggins (205)669-3737  
Additional Contact: Donna Falkner (205)620-8112

The Community Foundation of South Alabama

P.O. Box 990  
Mobile, Alabama 36601-0990  
251-438.5591, 251-438.5592 Fax  
Contact: Linnette Clausman, Finance Officer  
Website: <http://www.communityendowment.com>

Southeast Alabama Community Foundation  
P.O. Box 1422  
Dothan, AL 36302-1422  
Phone: 334-671-1059, Fax: 334-793-0627  
Contact: Millie Armstrong, Program Director  
Website: [www.sacinfo.org](http://www.sacinfo.org)

Community Foundation of West Alabama  
P.O. Box 3033  
Tuscaloosa, AL 35403  
Telephone: 205-366-0698, Fax 205-366-0813  
Contact: Glenn Taylor, Exec. Director  
E-mail: [CFOWA@bellsouth.net](mailto:CFOWA@bellsouth.net)  
Website: <http://thecfwa.org/>

Walker Area Community Foundation  
P.O. Box 171  
Jasper, AL 35502-0171  
Telephone: 205-302-0001, Fax: (205) 302-0424  
Contact: Paul Kennedy, Executive Director  
Website: <http://www.wacf.org>